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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Art Unit: 1772

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 09/828,837
Filed: April 10, 2001
For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN
FRICTION STIR WELDING
Art Unit: 1772
Examiner: C. Simone

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 2, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims;

Remarks are included following the amendments.